

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 27th September 2015

IRTS Contest Results

The results for the 2 metres Counties Contest held on 30th August, along with results for the annual SSB Field Day have now been published.

16 station logs were submitted for the 2 metres Counties Contest, which included QSOs from 24 of the 32 EI/GI counties. Among the section winners were newly-licensed Niall EI6HIB, who operated from Kippure, Co. Wicklow.

There were 6 entries for SSB Field Day, including two for the new restricted / 6 hour section. HF band conditions were very poor for the whole weekend, reflected in a total of just 3 QSOs on 10 metres and 150 QSOs on 15 metres from the 6 station logs submitted. See www.irts.ie/results for all contest results.

The next IRTS contest is the 80 metres Counties Contest, on New Year's Day 2016 - a great way to catch up with old friends around the country. A full calendar of IRTS contests in 2016 will be published in October.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 5th November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday, 16th October. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate. These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

Cork Radio Club

The Cork Radio Club will meet again on October 7th at the Community Centre in Carrigtwohill when Jerry EI6BT will deliver a presentation on Marine Communications.

Names are still being taken for a prospective course for the amateur licence exam and anyone interested in either the course or the club should contact Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or by Email to ei4bz /at/ eircom.net.

40th International Police Association Radio Club

The 40th IPARC contest is coming up on the first weekend in November 2015. Further information is available on www.iparc.de

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The September meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 28th September at 8pm sharp. All members are asked to attend. New members are always welcome.

SEARG is organising radio theory classes. Anyone interested may contact Mark EI7IS or Seany EI2HZB. Everyone welcome.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's activities you can check their website www.searg.com and you can also follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

Russian Digital Radio Club

RDRC invites interested amateur radio operators to participate in the digital contest from 12.00 UTC on Saturday 3rd October till 11:59 UTC on Sunday 4th October, 2015. Types of modulation: RTTY45, BPSK63. Full details available on www.rdrclub.ru

South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club have recommenced radio theory classes for the Amateur Radio licence examination. The classes are run at no cost. However, there is a €5

weekly tea coffee and biscuit charge. No prior experience is necessary and beginners are welcome. Please note the new start time for SDR meetings at 8.30pm

If at all possible please pre-register for the classes through the website. However, beginners and visitors are free to drop by any week. www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Region 4 Radio Theory Classes

Radio theory classes are being organised in the Limerick area and anyone interested may contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB QTHR or on 087-2532512.

DX News

N7QT and N7BX will operate from Manihiki Island in the North Cook Islands from 29th September until 27th October. The callsign will be E51MQT and activity will be on all bands 10m to 160m. QSLs go via N7BX.

Ulrich DL2AH will be QRV as NH0/DL2AH from Rota Island in the Mariana Islands from 30th September to 16th October. This will be followed by him activating V63AH from Yap Island in Micronesia from 18th October to 10th November. QSLs for both stations go directly to DL2AH.

A group of 7 operators from Poland will activate S79SP from Mahe Island in the Seychelles from 3rd to 18th October. They will be on all bands 160m to 6m on SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL Manager is SP6FXV.

Willi DJ7RJ will sign 3B8/DJ7RJ from Mauritius from 5th to 30th October. Willi will be active on all bands SSB and CW and in particular on 160m.

2m Nets

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group have a 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

IRTS News Services

IRTS news services; Echo Ireland, Radio News and EI-News rely on individuals and clubs to submit news items that are of interest to members.

Please make an effort to send newsworthy items to newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie on a regular basis.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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